

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 12, 2007
Audrey Beck Municipal Building
Council Chambers
4:00 pm

Minutes

Present: P. Barry, J. Bell-Elkins, T. Callahan, B. Clouette, J. Hintz,
E. Paterson, G. Zimmer

Staff: M. Cariola, G. Paddick, C. van Zelm

1. No members of the public were present to speak.
2. Minutes of May 8, 2007, were approved with one correction: the pathway under Item 4 is the combined sidewalk/bikeway on Hunting Lodge Road.
3. Nothing more was added under the topic of Spring Weekend.
4. Pedestrian Safety. Mr. Padick reported that the Town has received permission to eliminate one crosswalk on South Eagleville Road that is no longer needed, and that better lighting was coming from C.L. & P. The Hanks Hill Road crosswalk is to get improved signage. Mr. Callahan reported that UConn has completed its initial review of crosswalk safety and has begun the process to replace the North Eagleville shoulder walkway with a more permanent pedestrian way.
5. Water and Wastewater Master Plan. Mr. Callahan reported that the revised plan was finished and submitted to the state DPH; he promised to provide the town with a written copy and CD-ROM.
6. Mansfield Downtown Partnership. Ms. Van Zelm reported that the public hearing was closed and that the two zoning requests were now under consideration by the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission. Next approvals: Mansfield Inland Wetlands, state DOT approval for Route 195 improvements, Corps of Engineers approval for wetland changes, state DEP. The town walkway between Route 195 and the Community Center is finished; the ribbon-cutting is anticipated for July 16, 2007. Approximately 60 people attended the Partnership's annual meeting in June, where Volunteers-of-the-Year were honored.

7. Community-Campus Partnership. Mayor Paterson informed the group that the next meeting will be June 25, 2007, when Jim Hintz, the new off-campus director, will be introduced. Dean Bell-Elkins reported that she was working on pulling together data on Spring Weekend for further analysis.
8. Other Business. Jim Hintz was introduced to the group. He gave a brief account of similar experience with student activities elsewhere.

Mr. Callhan inquired about University participation in the Town strategic planning process. Mayor Paterson replied that the time had come for the steering committee to be enlarged with additional stakeholders, including a representative from the University administration, and that additional University participants would be invited for larger group activities as the format becomes more clear.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Minutes taken by B. Clouette